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**PATENT APPLICATION**

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
HIROHIKO ITOH ET AL. )  
Application No.: 09/322,177 )  
Filed: May 28, 1999 :  
For: IMAGE PROCESSING )  
APPARATUS AND IMAGE :  
PROCESSING METHOD ) March 5, 2002  
Examiner: Douglas Q. Tran  
Group Art Unit: 2624

Commissioner For Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated December 5, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel Claims 1 to 15 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

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Please add new Claims 16 to 36 as follows:



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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

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 An additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	21	MINUS	20	1	x \$9 \$18	\$84.00
INDEP. CLAIMS	6	MINUS	3	3	x \$42 \$84	\$252.00
Fee for Multiple Dependent claims \$140/\$280						0
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT---						\$252.00

 °Verified Statement claiming small entity status is enclosed, if not filed previously. A check in the amount of \$252.00 is enclosed.

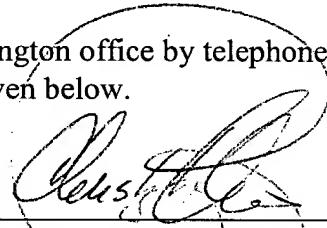
Charge \$\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Any prior general authorization to charge an issue fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 06-1205 is hereby revoked. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_ to cover the fee for a \_\_\_\_ month extension is enclosed.

A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_ to cover the Information Disclosure Statement fee is enclosed.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should be directed to our address given below.



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